

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program

## Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

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Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

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**Project Name:** Miscellaneous Work and Repairs of San Ardo Pipeline in the counties of Fresno and Monterey.

**Project Purpose:** Cover exposed areas of the pipeline and provide preventive maintenance to protect the integrity of the pipeline.

**Date of Application:** November 22, 2004

**Project Description:** The San Ardo Pipeline Company will carry out general maintenance and repair activities along an existing natural gas transmission pipeline system beginning outside the city of Coalinga in the County of Fresno, and extending southwest to the San Ardo Oilfield in the County of Monterey. The types of anticipated activities are as follows:

1. Backfilling of exposed pipeline
2. Placement of sandbags under and around the pipeline
3. Installation of fabric held in place by rip rap
4. Retrenching and excavation to lower sections of pipeline that are exposed or about to be uncovered

5. Cathodic protection surveys and subsequent maintenance
6. Pigging of the pipeline
7. Access to pipeline for coating and/or pipeline repairs/replacements
8. Temporary diversion of flowing streams
9. Strip, excavate, and recompact effected drainage channels
10. Redirect water runoff from hillsides to stabilize slope areas
11. Excavate base of slopes and rebuild slopes\*
12. Revegitate reconstructed slopes
13. Strip, excavate, and recompact areas with existing desiccation and extension cracks\*
14. Install ground water interceptor along the length of the erosion area\*
15. Regrade access roads
16. Clean out existing collection/diversion systems
17. Add additional culverts where necessary
18. Construct berms to existing slope and access roads

**Date Posted:** -----

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or implied in this public notice.**

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\*\* These activities will be carried out outside of the streambeds